

Public Notice of Application for Permit

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ATTN: Ron Klump, Project Manager

Public Notice Date: April 20, 2006 Expiration Date: May 20, 2006

Reference: 200600078

Name: C-Tran

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for certain work described below and shown on the enclosed drawings.

APPLICANT: C-Tran

Post Office Box 2529

Vancouver, Washington 98668-2529

ATTN: Mr. Dave Hurt Telephone: (360) 906-7362

AGENT:

The JD White Company, Inc. 1111 Main Street, Suite 300 Vancouver, Washington 98660

ATTN: Mr. Dan Cary

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LOCATION: In wetlands adjacent to Suds Creek near Vancouver, Clark County, Washington.

<u>WORK</u>: Fill 1.14 acres of wetlands for a park-and-ride facility and associated Northeast 7th Avenue. The facility will include 610 park-and-ride spaces, a drop off area, a bus platform with 10 bus bays and 5 passenger shelters, and an onsite building to be used by C-Tran staff.

PURPOSE: To concentrate commuter and local bus stops to improve transit service in Clark County.

<u>MITIGATION</u>: The applicant proposes offsite mitigation that includes 1.37 acres of wetland/stream restoration of a ditched segment of Curtin Creek. This mitigation area is located east of I-205 and south of Padden Creek near Vancouver, Clark County, Washington.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. The bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus), threatened, Bradshaw's desert parsley (Lomatium bradshawii), endangered, water howellia (Howellia aquatilis), threatened, in the state of Washington, may occur in the proposed project area. After receipt of comments from this public notice, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) will evaluate the potential impacts to the bald eagle, water howellia, and Bradshaw's desert parsley.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact no EFH. Therefore, the Corps has determined that the proposed action will not adversely affect designated EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters. No further EFH consultation is necessary.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible and other sources of information. There are no recorded historic properties within the permit area. The permit area has been so extensively modified by modern development that little likelihood exists for the proposed project to impinge upon an undisturbed historic property. The District Engineer invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area. This public notice initiates consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR 800.4[a][3]), with any Tribe that has information or concerns with historic properties in the proposed permit area.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

The proposed discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act. These guidelines require an alternatives analysis for any proposed discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

<u>ADDITIONAL EVALUATION</u>: The State of Washington is reviewing this work for compliance with the applicable State and Federal water quality standards pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

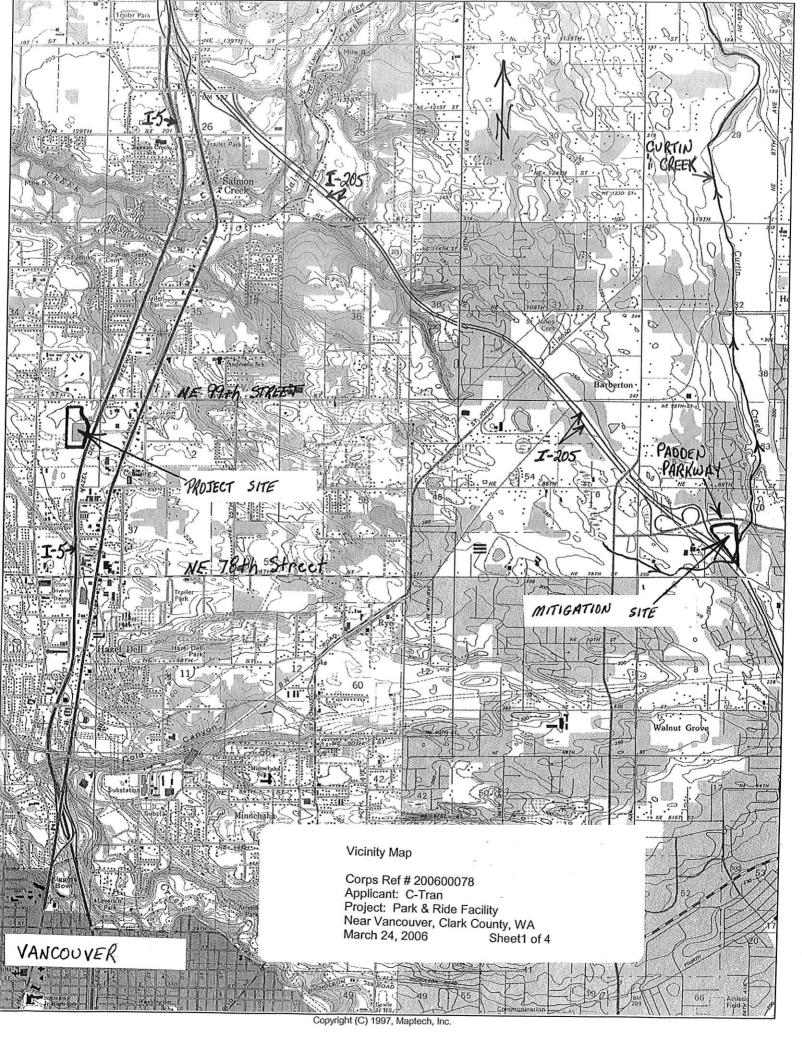
<u>COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD</u>: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether it would be in the public

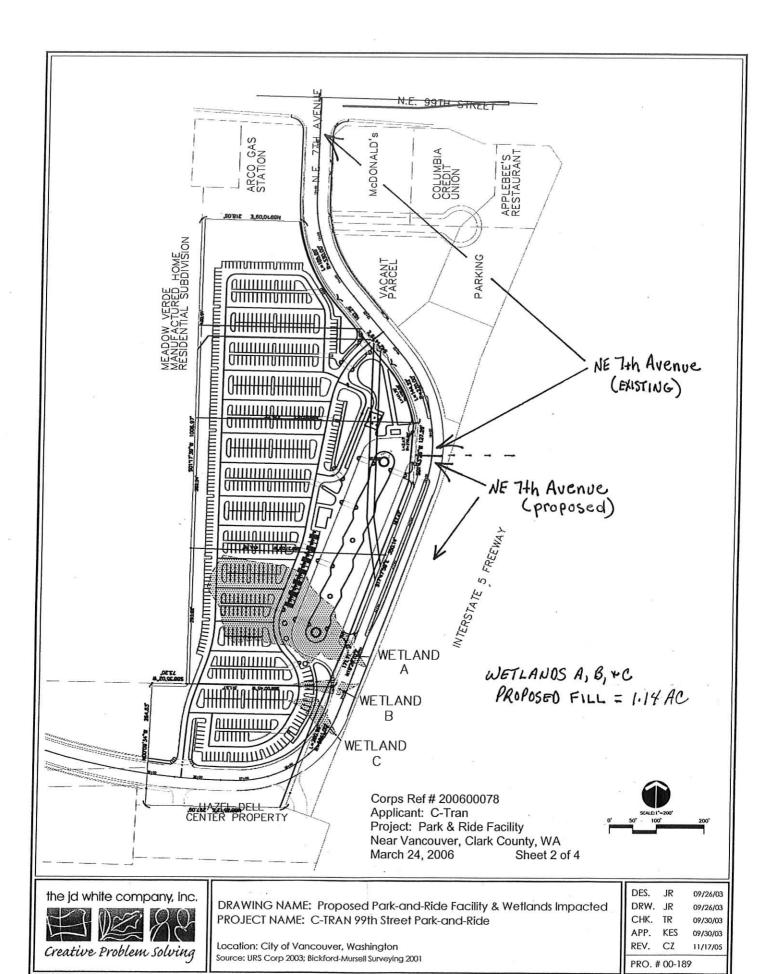
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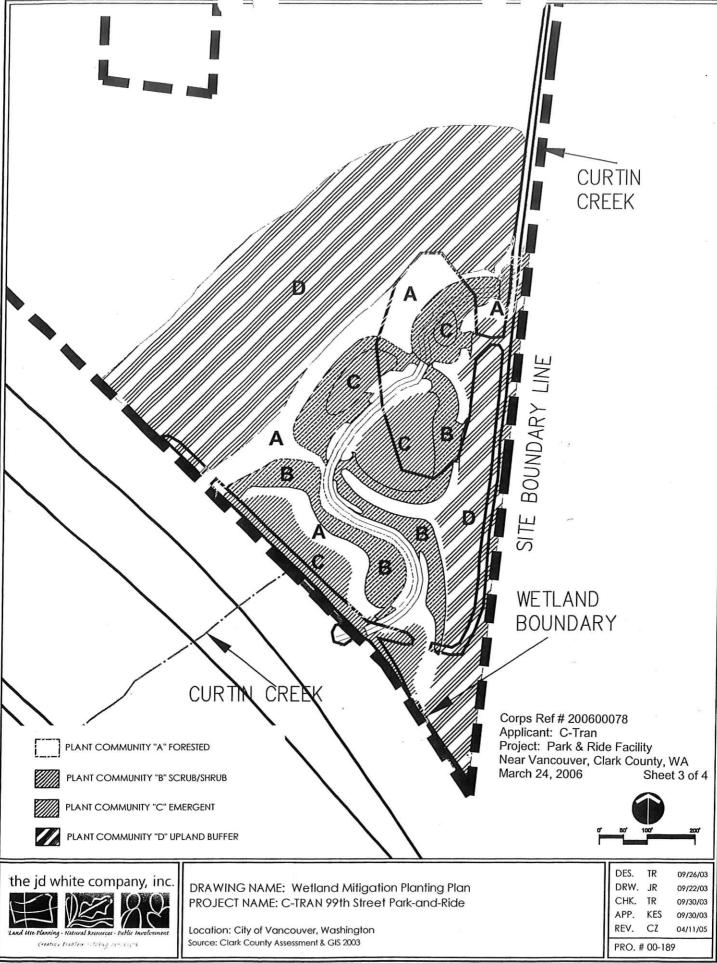
interest to authorize this proposal. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. All e-mail comments should be sent to Ron.Klump@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, Washington, 98124-3755. Both conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commentor's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration. Please include the following name and reference number:

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Encl Drawings (4)







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Corps Ref # 200600078 Applicant: C-Tran
Project: Park & Ride Facility Near Vancouver, Clark County, WA March 24, 2006 Sheet 4 of 4

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DRAWING NAME: Wetland Mitigation Planting Plan PROJECT NAME: C-TRAN 99th Street Park-and-Ride

Location: City of Vancouver, Washington Source: Clark County Assessment & GIS 2003

DES. TR DRW. JR 09/22/03 CHK. TR 09/30/03 APP. **KES** 09/30/03 REV. CZ 04/11/05 PRO. # 00-189



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STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Notice of Application for Water Quality Certification

Date: April 20, 2006

Notice is hereby given that a request has been filed with the Department of Ecology, pursuant to the requirements of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL 95-217), to certify that the project described in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. 200600078 will comply with the Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Act, and with applicable provisions of State and Federal water pollution control laws.

Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to compliance with water pollution control laws may do so by providing written comments within 30 days of the above publication date to:

Federal Permit Coordinator Department of Ecology SEA Program Post Office Box 47600 Olympia, Washington 98504-7600